

# GCSE : Religious Education

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## Course Description

To develop theological, spiritual and ethical thinking to enable students to think through religious and ethical issues that affect their daily life. There are two essential skills in Religious Education GCSE: explanation and evaluation. The GCSE is not a test of belief or faith background, rather it is a test of a student's ability to understand religious issues and debate them from a mature point of view.

The exact content will depend upon the route followed. However, there are some things that all routes have in common, for example: Marriage and Family Life, Community Cohesion, Matters of Life and Death (Abortion / Euthanasia), Belief in God, Prejudice and Discrimination, War and Peace.

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## Examination Information

External examination papers sat at end of year 11. Each counts 50% towards end GCSE.

Internal assessments are used to help prepare students for exams.

**Exam: 100% / Coursework: 0%**

This course leads to an  
**AQA/Edexcel : GCSE in 'Religious Education'**



### Skills

Empathy with others  
Understanding and solving problems  
Reasoning, Researching , Debating, Analysis, Critical thinking, and Evaluation.

You will also develop an understanding of yourself and others.

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## Teaching & Learning

The department uses a variety of teaching and learning methods.

The aim of these methods is to promote discussion and debate. In particular thinking skills, assessment for learning and questioning for learning are very well established in all lessons.

As part of the course students will examine attitudes towards sex and relationships.

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## Progression to Further Education

The course prepares students to study in Sixth Form. Students will study AS-level 'Religious Education' and the GCSE is a good preparation for this and some students will study a level III NOCN qualification in Sixth Form. Both courses allow students to explore ethical theory and ethical issues.

Many students will go on to complete A-level 'Religious Education'.



For further information please see  
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### Careers

Lawyer / Barrister  
Medicine / Nursing  
Police / Social Work  
Teaching  
Civil Service  
Politics  
Counselling  
Journalism  
Communications